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If the learned would not sometimes submit to the ignorant; the old to the weakness of the young; there would be nothing but everlasting variance in the world. *Swift.*

By shameful variance betwixt man and man. *Thomson.*
VARIATION. *n. f.* [*variatio*, Lat. *variation*, French.]

1. Change; mutation; difference from itself.
After much variation of opinions, the prisoner was acquitted of treason, but by most voices found guilty of felony. *Hayu.*

The operation of agents will easily admit of intention and remission, but the essences of things are conceived not capable of any such variation. *Locke.*

The fame of our writers is confined to these two islands, and it is hard it should be limited in time as much as place, by the perpetual variations of our speech. *Swift.*

2. Difference; change from one to another.
In some other places are more females born than males; which, upon this variation of proportion, I recommend to the curious. *Gravut's Bill of Abolition.*

Each sea had its peculiar shells, and the same variation of foils; this tract affording such a terrestrial matter as is proper for the formation of one sort of shell-fish; that of another. *Woodward's Nat. Hist.*

3. Successive change.
Sir Walter Blunt, Stain'd with the variation of each foil

4. [In grammar.] Change of termination of nouns.
The rules of grammar, and useful examples of the variation of words, and the peculiar form of speech, are often appointed to be repeated. *Watson's Improv. of the Mind.*

5. Change in natural phenomena.
The duke run a long course of calm prosperity, without any visible eclipse or wane in himself, amidst divers variations in others. *Watson's Life of Buckingham.*

6. Deviation.
If we admit a variation from the state of his creation, that variation must be necessarily after an eternal duration, and therefore within the compass of time. *Hale.*

7. Variation of the compass; deviation of the magnetick needle from an exact parallel with the meridian.

VARIOUS. *adj.* [*variosus*, Latin.] Difeated with dilation.
There are instances of one vein only being various, which may be destroyed by tying it above and below the dilation. *Sharpe.*

TO VARIATE. *v. a.* [*variatus*, school Latin.] To diversify; to stain with different colours.

The shells are filled with a white spar, which variates and adds to the beauty of the stone. *Woodward on Peffils.*

They had fountains of variegated marble in their rooms. *Arb.*

Ladies like variegated tulips show;
'Tis to the changes half the charms we owe;
Such happy spots the nice admirers take,
Fine by defect, and delicately weak. *Pope's Epist.*

VARIATION. *n. f.* [from *variatus*.] Diversity of colours.
Plant your choice tulips in natural earth, somewhat impoverished with very fine sand, else they will soon lose their variations. *Evans's Kalend.*

VARIETY. *n. f.* [*varietas*, Fr. *varietas*, Latin.]

1. Change; succession of one thing to another; intermixture of one thing with another.
All forts are here that all th' earth yields;
Variety without end. *Milton's Par. Lost.*

2. Difference; dissimilitude.
Variety is nothing else but a continued novelty. *South.*

If the sun's light consisted of but one sort of rays, there would be but one colour in the whole world, nor would it be possible to produce any new colour by reflections or refractions; and by consequence that the variety of colours depends upon the composition of light. *Newton's Opticks.*

3. One thing of many by which variety is made. In this sense it has a plural.
The inclosed warmth, which the earth hath in itself, stirred up by the heat of the sun, afflueth nature in the speedier procreation of those varieties, which the earth bringeth forth. *Raleigh's Hist. of the World.*

4. Variation; deviation; change from a former state.
There is a variety in the tempers of good men, with relation to the different impressions they receive from different objects of charity. *F. Atterbury.*

5. Variation; deviation; change from a former state.
It were a great vanity to reject those reasons drawn from the nature of things, or to go about to answer those reasons by suppositions of a variety in things, from what they now appear. *Hale's Origin of Mankind.*

VARIOUS. *adj.* [*varius*, Latin.]

1. Different; several; manifold.

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Then were they known to men by various names,
And various idols, through the heathen world. *Milton.*

2. Changeable; uncertain; unfixed; unlike itself.
The names of mixed modes want standards in nature, whereby to adjust their signification; therefore they are very various and doubtful. *Locke.*

3. Unlike each other.
He in derision sets
Upon their tongues a various spirit,

4. Variegated; diversified.
To raise quite out their native language,
Vast crowds of vanquish'd nations march along,
Various in arms, in habits, and in tongue,
Various of temper, as of face or frame,
Each individual; his great end the fame,
So many and so various laws are given, *Pope.*

5. Variegated; diversified.
Herbs sudden flower'd,
Opening their various colours. *Milton.*

VARIOUSLY. *adv.* [from *varius*.] In a various manner.
Having been variously tossed by fortune, directed his course to a safe harbour. *Beacon.*

VARIOUSLY. *adv.* [from *varius*.] In a various manner.
Various objects from the sense,
Variously representing.

Those various squadrons, variously design'd,
Each vessel freighted with a several load;
All find but one, to burn them in the road. *Dryden.*

VARIOUSLY. *adv.* [from *varius*.] In a various manner.
Variously upon them according to their different natures. *Arbuth.*

VARIOUSLY. *adv.* [from *varius*.] In a various manner.
In ulcers of the legs, accompanied with various or dilatations of the veins, the varix can only be assisted by the bandage. *Sharpe.*

VARLET. *n. f.* [*varlet*, old French, now valet.]

1. A servant or footman.
Such lords ill example do give,
Where varlets and drabs so may live. *Tupper's Haybandry.*

2. A varlet running towards them hastily. *Speiser.*

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VAS. *n. f.* [*vas*, Fr. *vas*, Latin.] Silver rings about the leg of a hawk, on which the owner's name is engraved. *Diſt.*

TO VARY. *v. a.* [*varia*, Lat. *varior*, French.]

1. To change; to make unlike itself.
Let your ceaseless change
Vary to our great creator still new praise. *Milton.*

2. To change to something else.
Gods that never change their state,
Vary oft their love and hate. *Waller.*

3. To make of different kinds.
We are to vary the customs, according to the time and country where the scene of action lies.

4. To diversify; to variegate.
The master's hand, which to the life can trace
The airs, the lines, and features of the face;
May, with a freer and bolder stroke, express
A varied posture, or a flatt'ring dress. *Sir J. Denham.*

5. To make of different kinds.
And tries all forms that may Pomona please. *Pope.*

6. To make of different kinds.
God hath divided the genius of men according to the different affairs of the World; and varied their inclinations, according to the variety of actions to be performed. *Browne.*

7. To make of different kinds.
God hath here
Vary'd his bounty to with new delights. *Milton.*

8. To make of different kinds.
To VARY. *v. n.*

1. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
Darkling stands
The varying shore o' th' world. *Shakespeare's Ant. and Cleo.*

2. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
So varied he, and of his tortuous train
Cur'd many a wanton wretch. *Milton.*

3. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
To be to make of different kinds.

4. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
Those who made laws, had their minds polished above the vulgar; and yet unaccountably the public constitutions of nations vary. *Collier on Pride.*

5. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
To alter; to become unlike itself.

6. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
He had a strange interchanging of large and unexpected pardons, with several executions; which could not be imputed to any inconsistency, but to a principle he had set upon himself, that he would vary and try both ways in turn. *Bac.*

7. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
That each from other differs, first confels;
Next, that he varies from himself no less. *Pope's Epist.*

8. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
To deviate; to depart.

9. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
The crime consists in violating the law, and varying from the right rule of reason. *Locke.*

10. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
To succeed each other.

11. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
While fear and anger, with alternate grace,
Pant in her breast, and vary in her face. *Addison's Cato.*

12. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
To disagree; to be at variance.

13. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
In judgment of her substance thus they vary,
And vary thus in judgment of her feat;
For some her chair up to the brain do carry,
Some sink it down into the stomach's heat. *Sir J. Davies.*

14. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
To shift colours.

15. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
Will the falcon stooping from above,
Smit with her varying plunage, spare the dove?

16. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
Admires the jay the insect's gilded wings? *Pope.*

17. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
VARY, *n. f.* [from the verb.] Change; alteration. Not in use.

18. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
Such smiling rogues as these stoop every passion;
Renege, affirm, and turn their halcyon beaks;
With every gale and vary of their masters. *Shakespeare.*

19. To be changeable; to appear in different forms.
VASCULAR. *adj.* [from *vasculum*, Latin.]

1. Consisting of vessels; full of vessels.
Nutrition of the solids is performed by the circulating liquid in the smallest vascular solids. *Arbuthnot on Aliments.*

2. Consisting of vessels; full of vessels.
VASCULIFEROUS. *adj.* [*vasculum* and *fero*, Latin.] Such plants as have, besides the common calyx, a peculiar vessel to contain the seed, sometimes divided into cells; and these have always a monopetalous flower, either uniform or difform. *Quincy.*

3. Consisting of vessels; full of vessels.
VASE. *n. f.* [*vas*, Fr. *vaso*, Latin.] A vessel; generally a vessel rather for show than use.

4. Consisting of vessels; full of vessels.
The toilet stands unveil'd,
Each silver vase in mystick order laid. *Pope.*

5. Consisting of vessels; full of vessels.
VASSAL. *n. f.* [*vassalus*, Fr. *vassallo*, Italian.]

1. One who holds by the will of a superior lord.
Every petty prince, vassal to the emperor, can coin what money he pleases. *Swift's short View of Ireland.*

2. One who holds by the will of a superior lord.
The vassals are invited to bring in their complaints to the viceroys, who imprison and chastise their masters. *Addison.*

3. One who holds by the will of a superior lord.
A subject; a dependant.

4. One who holds by the will of a superior lord.
She cannot content the lord with performance of his discipline, that hath at her side a vassal, whom Satan hath made his vicegerent, to cross whatsoever the faithful should do. *Hester, b. viii. §. 34.*

5. One who holds by the will of a superior lord.
Such as they thought fit for labour, they received as vassals; but impared not the benefit of laws, but every one made his will a law unto his own vassal. *Spenser's State of Ireland.*

6. One who holds by the will of a superior lord.
The common people were free subjects to the king, not slaves and vassals to their pretended lords. *Sir J. Davies.*

7. One who holds by the will of a superior lord.
The mind hath not reason to remember, that passions ought to be her vassals, not her masters. *Raleigh.*

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